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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW CITING CIA RESPONSIBILITY IN THE RENUNCIATION OF
JANIO QUADROS

1. FEDERAL DEPUTY BRIGIDO TINOCO (MDB--RIO DE JANEIRO) FORMER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION UNDER PRESIDENT JANIO QUADROS, ACCUSED
THE CIA OF INVOLVMENT IN THE RESIGNATION OF QUADROS IN
1961 AND THE SUICIDE OF PRESIDENT VARGAS IN 1954.

2. IN AN INTERVIEW CARRIED IN JORNAL DE BRASILIA AND
FOLHA DE SAO PAULO ON AUGUST 25, TINOCO, A FEDERAL DEPUTY,
ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO THE QUESTION OF WHY QUADROS HAD
RENOUNCED THE PRESIDENCY. IN THE LAST SECTION OF THE
INTERVIEW TINOCO STATED THAT "QUADROS WAS ANOTHER VICTIM OF
THE CIA, WHICH HAD SUPPORTED HIM IN HIS CAMPAIGN. BUT THE
CIA WAS NOT ABLE TO GET HIM TO SUBMIT TO THEIR WHIMS. A
STOIC, HE SACRIFICED HIS POLITICAL CAREER IN ORDER THAT THE
NATIONAL DESTINY NOT RUIN ITSELF IN THAT PREDICAMENT." IN
HIS OPENING STATEMENT, TINOCO STATED THAT PRESIDENT VARGAS'
SUICIDE ALSO MADE HIM A VICTIM OF THE CIA. VARGAS WAS
ALSO CITED AS A VICTIM OF AMERICAN TRUSTS, THAT PLANNED
TO IMPEDE THE VICTORY OF PETROBRAS AND THE FUNCTIONING
OF ITS REFINERIES.

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3. COMMENT: BRAZILIAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN RUNNING
ARTICLES ON THE FALL OF QUADROS, AND THERE IS A MOVIE NOW
PLAYING ON THE EVENTS OF THE VARGAS PERIOD. THE DEATH
OF PRESIDENT KUBITSCHKE ON THE WEEKEND HAS FURTHER
STIMULATED MEDIA INTEREST IN BRAZIL'S FORMER PRESIDENTS.
END COMMENT.
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